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 Applicants : MATHAI, *et al.*
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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In the non-final Office Action mailed on July 3, 2008, claims 1-8 and 11-15 are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, as allegedly being drawn to two patentably distinct inventions as noted below. *See* Office Action, page 2.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Claims</u>
I	1-8 and 11-14
II	15

Applicant hereby elects **Group I** (i.e., **claims 1-8 and 11-14**) **with traverse**.

Examination of all claims would not place a serious burden on the Examiner. Restriction is appropriate only when the groups of claims can be shown to be distinct and there would be a serious burden on the Examiner to examine more than one group of claims. *See* MPEP § 803 (Emphasis added.). Applicant submits that there is no serious burden placed on the Examiner to examine all claims, particularly in view that both allegedly distinct inventions are classified in the same class.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and is concurrently submitting the requisite fee for such. Nonetheless, in the event that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office requires additional fees to enter and/or consider this Reply, or to prevent abandonment of the present application, please charge such fees to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2613.

Respectfully submitted,

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